former Deputy Prime Minister was not provided IAF aircraft for unofficial visits during this period

The total amount due for payment to the IAF on account of the use of its aircraft for the unofficial visits by the former Prime Minister is approximately Rs 412 lakhs (Rupees four hundred twelve lakhs)

(c) to (e) No, Sir Air Headquarters normally require 3-4 months for scrutiny before raising bills

Drug Smuggling on Indo-Pak Border

389 SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the drug, smuggling is on the increase on the Indo-Pak border,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR)

(a) The reports received indicate that drug smuggling on Indo-Pak border has not shown any increase

(b) and (c) Various steps have been taken to check drug smuggling on the Indo-Pak border in the recent past A Zonal Unit of Narcotics Control Bureau has been set up at Jodhpur to look after the land border with Rajasthan The Customs have also set up Preventive Organisation under the charge of an Addtional Collector at Jodhpur with preventive ranges and sectors along the border High level meetings with various enforcement agencies like BSF, Customs and the Police are conducted to sharpen their investigative skills The enforcement formations on the border are also kept apprised from time to time of the latest modus-operandi, routes used by traffickers and methods of concealment adopted

Construction of Second Bridge over Yamuna River Near I. T. O. Delhi

390 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether a foundation stone was laid recently for construction of a bridge over Yamuna river at I T O Delhi,

(b) if so, when the actual construction work will start and how long it will take to complete different stages of construction

(c) whether tenders have been called and contract given,

(d) if so, to whom and estimated cost therof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) It is too early to indicate when the construction will start as the project is yet to be sanctioned The project is expected to be completed within four years from the date of commencement

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise